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Some men may find consolation in the fact that one man counts as much as another when it comes to taking the census.

MONTANA is said to have mined \$40,000,000 worth of copper last year. This beats the gold or silver record of any State in the Union.

Governor TYLER has appointed Mr. T. Wall Shelton, of Norfolk, a member of the board of Visitors of the Virginia Military Institute, to succeed Mr. W. H. Edmunds, of Halifax county, resigned.

SOMETIMES it is hard sort of disappointment to meet old acquaintances; you are apt to find that the worthless boy of twenty years ago is a successful man today and that the promising boy of that period has gone to the dogs.

REMEMBER that the Constitutional Convention will not disfranchise a single white man in the State. Also remember that we will in this way get rid of the present election law and also that if the Constitution as framed does not suit us we can refuse to ratify it.

The Virginia State Bar Association will hold its twelfth annual meeting this year on the seashore, either at Old Point or at Virginia Beach. No choice has yet been made between these two places, but the time has been fixed, and the meeting will be held on the 10th, 11th and 12th of June.

PLANS, it is said, are being formed for the establishment of a new ship-building plant in Richmond to equal in size any shipyard in the United States. Northern capitalists, it is said, are co-operating with local money men. Chamberlin and Scott, owners of the Richmond Iron Works, are said to be taking an active part in the enterprise.

It is reported from the Japanese capital that the government is taking steps without waiting for the request of the United States to restrict the emigrating of Japanese laborers to the United States. It is explained that the recent increase of this immigration was due to the competition of Japanese immigration societies, the laborers being all under the delusion that there were untold opportunities for work and wages in America.

The bill introduced in the Senate by the Hon. H. D. Flood, who was elected temporary chairman of the Norfolk Convention, with reference to the Constitutional Convention, provided as follows: For an election to be held on the fourth Thursday in May, nineteen hundred and one, and left the next general assembly to provide for the election of Delegates to the convention. Under his bill the convention would not assemble before nineteen hundred and two. The bill passed by the General Assembly was somewhat different from this.

According to the estimates of the Postoffice Department, the various proposed bills for increased pay for postal employees will cost the government some \$12,000,000 a year distributed amongst 40,000 men. That for the reclassification of railway mail clerks will require an additional appropriation of \$1,400,000; the bill for fourth-class postmasters \$5,550,000; for letter carriers \$3,370,000; for clerks in first and second class postoffices \$1,000,000; for substitute letter carriers \$246,000.

The growth in exportation of manufactures continues to be the most striking feature of the marvelous export trade of the United States, which in the nine months ending with March 1900, reached the unprecedented sum of \$1,053,820,680, and thus promises to be fully one billion, 300 million dollars in the fiscal year which ends 60 days hence. Of this

large exportation, more than 30% was manufactures, against 26% in the corresponding months of the fiscal year 1899 and 23% during the same months of the fiscal year of 1898. For the month of March alone the exports of manufactures amounted to \$44,767,139, which is far greater than the total for any preceding month in our history.

## The Constitutional Convention Question.

On Thursday, the 24th of this month, a vote will be taken at all the polling places in Virginia on the question of calling a convention for the purpose of framing a new constitution for the state. By the unanimous action of the democratic caucus of the last legislature and by the almost unanimous action of both branches of the legislature in session, it was decided that this matter should be submitted to the voters of this state, and that this vote should be taken on the fourth Thursday of this month, the time for holding the regular annual spring elections. The democratic state convention at its recent meeting at Norfolk by practically a unanimous vote endorsed this action of the legislature, and earnestly urged the people of Virginia to vote at this election for calling a constitutional convention. This action rendered this question a party question, and makes it the duty of all democrats to vote and work for this measure. The people of this state have not for many years, in fact not since 1869, voted on any question of so great importance to them. The present constitution was framed in 1869 largely by negroes and carpet-baggers in a convention presided over by the notorious Underwood. Under it, the machinery for administering the state government is needlessly cumbersome and expensive. Reforms should be made which will improve the administration of justice and of the state's fiscal affairs and save annually large sums to the taxpayers. The main purpose, however, of the proposed convention is to change the basis of suffrage with a view to ridding the state of the illiterate negro vote. Many of the other Southern states have adopted such measures and they are working well in those states. It is best for both parties, for then the white men can divide up on national issues. On this point the convention at Norfolk said:

"Resolved: That it is the sense of this convention that in framing the new constitution no effort should be made to disfranchise any citizen of Virginia who had a right to vote prior to 1861, nor the descendant of any such person, and that when such constitution shall have been framed it shall be submitted to a vote of the people for ratification or rejection."

In this the democratic party pledges itself practically not to disfranchise any white man, and if the new constitution when proposed by the convention does not suit our people, they are to have the privilege of voting on its adoption or rejection, according to the above resolution. This question of the restriction of negro suffrage is the great question of the day in Virginia, as it has been and is throughout the South. Our people should settle it now, and settle it right. Delay will make matters worse. We earnestly urge all our readers to go to the polls and vote for this measure on the 24th, and to see that their neighbors do likewise.

## SNIPS.

The Virginian congratulates Tate Irvin. He is now right on the threshold of entering the Electoral College. That he will graduate with high honors, we have no doubt. However, he will find in Dave Bailey a wild and rollicksome class mate, who is as equally well pleased with a demerit as he is satisfied with an eulogium.—*Jonesville Virginian*.

The last official reports from Calcutta say that the condition of the famine districts is rapidly approaching a crisis. Not only are the people dying in great numbers but the cattle, also, are dying off. There are more signs of ugly feelings and disloyalty on the part of the natives. At Shalpur a body of soldiers were surrounded and fiercely attacked. They

## Consumption

is robbed of its terrors by the fact that the best medical authorities state that it is a curable disease; and one of the happy things about it is, that its victims rarely ever lose hope.

You know there are all sorts of secret nostrums advertised to cure consumption. Some make absurd claims. We only say that if taken in time and the laws of health are properly observed,

## SCOTT'S EMULSION

will heal the inflammation of the throat and lungs and nourish and strengthen the body so that it can throw off the disease.

We have thousands of testimonials where people claim they have been permanently cured of this malady.

Scott & Bowne, Chemists, New York.

## "It Is an Ill Wind That Blows Nobody Good."

That small ache or pain or weakness is the "ill wind" that directs your attention to the necessity of purifying your blood by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. Then your whole body receives good, for the purified blood goes tingling to every organ. It is the great remedy for all ages and both sexes.

Dyspepsia — "Complicated with liver and kidney trouble, I suffered for years from dyspepsia, with severe pains. Hood's Sarsaparilla made me strong and hearty." J. B. Emerson, Auburn, Me.

**Hood's Sarsaparilla**  
Never Disappoints.

Hood's Pills cure liver bile; the non-irritating and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

were rescued in an unconscious condition.—*Exchange*.

Many people are inclined to take a gloomy view of the future of Newport News, fearing that the action of the Pennsylvania Railroad company in discriminating against Newport News, in favor of making New York the terminal port for all export goods, will be the death of the Virginia town. Nature made one of the finest harbors in the world on the Virginia coast, which is more than nature and man combined can even do in New York, and Newport News is destined to be one of the greatest ports on the Atlantic coast.—*Bristol Courier*.

This fall for the fifth time in history, the occupant of the White House will be opposed for re-election by the candidate whom he defeated four years before. It is significant that on each of the four former occasions, the man in the White House has been defeated. After November 8th there will be five cases of this instead of four.—*Orange Observer*.

A Missouri paper tells of a school house janitor who, worried because he was asked to find so many lost articles, resigned his job because one morning he found written plainly on the blackboard the following request: "Find the common multiple," and the next day, "Find the greatest common divisor." "Both them darn things are now lost," he said, "and I'll get blamed for swiping 'em, so I'll quit."—*Exchange*.

The Norfolk convention, in selecting Hon. R. T. Irvine as elector for this district, paid a graceful compliment to a most excellent gentleman. The banner of the Democracy is in clean, able hands.—*Lebanon News*.

## Buckley's Arnica S. Live.

The best S. Live in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Scalds, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. W. Kelly.

## The Carnegie Consolidation.

Happily the disagreements between Mr. Frick and the Carnegie Steel Company, which were described in an article in the *Review of Reviews* last month, have come to an end without the litigation which, if protracted, might have disturbed the magnificent economy of production due to Mr. Carnegie's genius. A giant corporation has been formed under the laws of the State of New Jersey, the laws of Pennsylvania not permitting such an organization, to include the score or more properties in which Mr. Carnegie is interested. The separate properties retain their Pennsylvania charters, the Carnegie Steel Company itself changing in Pennsylvania from a firm to a corporation, and the whole are combined under the New Jersey charter, with a capital of \$160,000,000. Mr. Carnegie owns a majority of the stock of the new corporation, Mr. Frick is a stockholder to the extent of \$16,000,000, and the remainder of the stock is divided among the partners in the separate properties, none of it being offered to the public. Mr. James B. Dill, the lawyer in charge of the vast complicated details of this reorganization, has drawn up a charter which gives the Carnegie Company the right to engage in such a number of industries as would seem to completely cover every operation connected with the making of steel and steel manufactures, from the original extraction of the raw materials from the earth to the marketing of the finished product. This altogether fortunate settlement of the questions at issue in the Carnegie Steel Company will doubtless insure the continued attention of both Mr. Carnegie and Mr. Frick, in greater or less degree, to the business of producing the best steel at the smallest cost by means of an extraordinary division of labor. The vast fortune accumulated by Mr. Carnegie and the wealth and industrial power also secured by his partners and associates are simply the result of great courage and foresight in the use of legitimate business opportunities such as were equally available to other business men. Americans have no more reason to find fault with Mr. Carnegie for having been exceptionally successful than has the business community of Prussia for looking with hostile eyes at the stupendous success achieved by the Krupp firm through a like talent for the organization of industry on a large scale. It is due to the success of Mr. Carnegie and a few other great captains of industry in this country that America has at

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## FROM STONEGA.

Correspondence of The Big Stone Gap Post.

STONEGA, Va., May 17.—Some weather wise individual has risen to remark that all signs of spring has not failed, even if it is fane one day and fires the next.

May Richmond has entirely recovered from his severe spell of sickness and is behind the counter again.

Mr. Irish is better and is also able to be at his post waiting on the trade.

Joseph Lecota, of Philadelphia, who has been engaged to run the bakery, arrived last week, and has taken charge of that branch of the work.

John C. Goodloe went on a business trip over the mountain last week. He was successful and reports the people sound politically, although nothing short of tri-metalism will be satisfactory to many of them, timbeing the other metal that they would like to have put on a parity with silver and gold.

Harry B. Livers was the only Stonega visitor to Dorchester last Sunday.

Robert B. Alcover came up from the Gap and spent Sunday with his old friends here.

Mustaches are going out of fashion. Supt. Robert Ramsey, Jr., and Store Manager Clarence C. Kelly had that hirsute appendage taken off last week, and all the boys are following suit.

The article promised on the subject of liberty is withheld, as in its treatment those who regard license and liberty as meaning the same thing would be offended, and while we hold that liberty is freedom only to do right, and that civil liberty is civil freedom only to do right, we also hold that where individuals think they have a free license to do wrong, and persist in their personal liberty on that line, there the seed is being sown for anarchy, tyranny or despotism.

Your correspondent has got a leave of absence for two weeks to visit his children in Pennsylvania and Ohio, some of whom he has not seen for nearly three years, and during his trip will send a few items which may interest some of the readers of the Post.

## WISE DEPARTMENT.

CHAS. T. KILGORE, Editor.

Local and Otherwise.

Mrs. Matilda Kilgore and Mrs. Eliza Powers are both very ill at the home of Mr. R. E. Powers on Main St.

Quite a number from this place attended the baptizing at the Hurricane Sunday.

W. B. Addington returned Monday from Abingdon, where he attended U. S. Court.

R. L. Kilgore returned Saturday from an extended business trip to Clintwood.

Mrs. Tom Williams returned last week from a visit to her parents at Mendota.

John Craft is sick with measles at the home of his brother, Samuel Craft.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cecil left Tuesday for Nevada, Mo., where they will be treated. Miss Luetta Kilgore, of Coalburn, will accompany them on the trip.

Bob Frye and a young man named

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# CONTAGIOUS BLOOD POISON

Contagious Blood Poison is the most degrading and destructive of all diseases, as it vitiates and corrupts the blood. The first sore or ulcer is followed by little red pimples on the body, mouth and throat. The glands enlarge and inflame, copper colored spots appear, and hair and eyebrows fall out. Some of the milder symptoms; they increase in severity, finally attacking the vital organs, and tortured with rheumatic pains and covered with offensive eating sores. It is a peculiar poison, and so highly contagious that an innocent person handling the same used by one infected with this loathsome disease, may be inoculated with the virus. It is transmitted from parent to child, appearing as the same disease or in a modified form—like Eczema or Scabies. Many an old sore or stubborn skin trouble appearing in middle life, is due and traceable to this poison contracted in early life. You may have taken potash and mercury faithfully, and thought you were cured, but you were not, for these poisonous minerals never cure this disease, and drive it from the outside, but it is doing its work on the inside, and will show up again worse than before. You may not recognize it as the same old taint, but it is. S. S. S. has cured thousands of Contagious Blood Poison, and it will cure you. It is the only purely vegetable blood purifier, and the only antidote for this poison. S. S. S. cleanses the blood thoroughly of every particle of poison—there is never any return of the disease.

**CURE YOURSELF AT HOME.** Send for our Home Treatment, which gives a history of the disease, its stages, and is the result of many years' experience. You can cure yourself perfectly and permanently at home, and your secret is your own. Should you need any information or medical advice at any time, write to our physicians. They have made a life study of blood diseases, and will give your letter prompt and careful attention. Consult them as often as you please; we make no charge whatever for this service. All correspondence is conducted in the strictest confidence.

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